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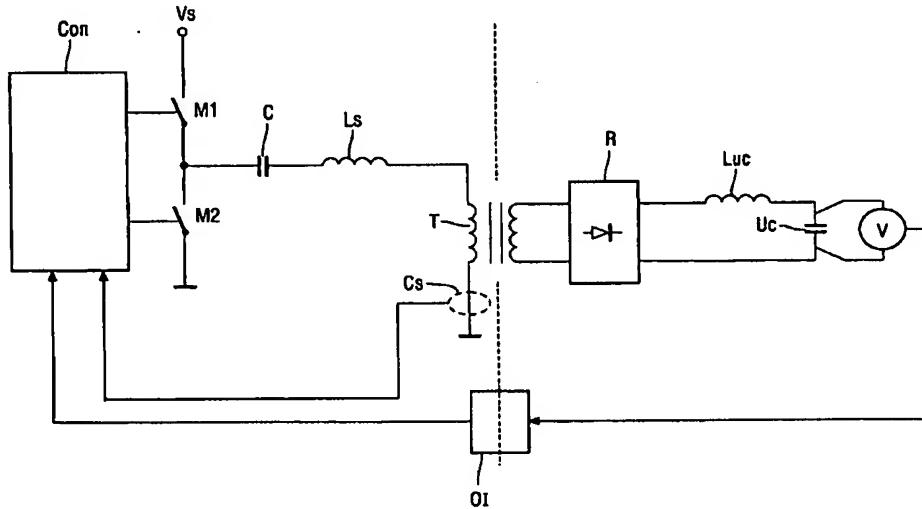
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(54) Title: MAINTENANCE FREE EMERGENCY LIGHTING



(57) **Abstract:** An emergency lighting device comprises an illumination lamp for illuminating an area and an energy storage unit for providing electrical energy for powering the lamp. According to the invention, the energy storage unit comprises an ultra-capacitor for storing the electrical energy. As the ultra-capacitor shows hardly any deterioration over time, extensive, e.g. periodical testing of the emergency lighting device during its lifetime can be omitted. A charging arrangement for charging the ultra-capacitor in the emergency lighting device is described.

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